

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RICHARD J. MARKLE ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/897,573

Filed: July 2, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETERMINING GRID DIMENSIONS  
USING SCATTEROMETRY

Group Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: Gordon J. Stock, Jr.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.089400/TT4865

CUSTOMER NO. 23720

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 12, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2006, for which the shortened, three-month date for response is October 12, 2006. This response is being filed on Monday, November 13, 2006, (since November 12, 2006 falls on a Sunday), with a one-month extension of time.

An extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and since there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of one-month sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

It is believed that a fee of \$120.00 fee is due. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0786. No other fees are believed to be due. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be

required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.089400.